



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

September 14, 2010

Mr. Michael J. Erickson
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SR-6J

RE: Discontinuing of the Groundwater Monitoring Program in
 the Former Plainwell Impoundment Area

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has engaged in several meetings and conference calls regarding Georgia-Pacific's desire to discontinue the groundwater monitoring program in the former Plainwell Impoundment area. Section 5.7 of the Plainwell Impoundment Time Critical Removal Action Design Report and Section 2.6 of the Multi-Area Field Sampling Plan Addendum 1 requires the collection of eight quarters of groundwater data in the Plainwell Impoundment.

To date, Georgia-Pacific has completed five quarters of groundwater sampling at 15 monitoring wells located within the Plainwell Impoundment. Further, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) collected split samples from various groundwater wells during all five sampling events. After analysis of all of the groundwater samples collected during the five quarters there have been no detections of PCBs.

Therefore, EPA concurs with Georgia-Pacific's request to discontinue the groundwater monitoring program in the Plainwell Impoundment. On July 15, 2010, MDNRE also submitted an e-mail to EPA concurring with the discontinuation of the groundwater monitoring program. No further groundwater monitoring is required in the Plainwell Impoundment and this information should be compiled and included in the Supplemental Remedial Investigation Report for Area 1.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Saric', with a stylized, cursive script.

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